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15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	£	s	d
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Ferrous scrap	7	-	-
Mixed waste paper	174	16	-
Jars	1	14	-
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	£199.	14.	-

14. SANITARY INSPECTION.

	Inspections.	Number in district. (where applicable)
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Drainage Works ...	228.	-
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Shops ...	12.	-
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